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Paul Dioguardi, Director, Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs
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Dear Mr. Dioguardi:

I would like to thank you for providing information about Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC) on your website and through webinars. Since States are not made aware of placements, this is the only information we receive. Your records indicate that 12 UAC have been placed in Maine with "sponsors". Is that number of children still accurate for Maine?

The goal of the Maine Department of Health and Human Services is to plan for the safety of all children. I have reached out to our community partners in order to plan for future needs. I understand that a facility in Maine is being proposed, planned or discussed at the former Élan School campus. Is HHS or any Federal agency aware of these plans or any other new facility being planned, discussed or proposed for UAC in Maine? We want to be actively involved in any plans for Maine.

I look forward to hearing back from you. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mary C. Mayhew
Commissioner

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cc: Paul R. LePage, Governor
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